**Observer Status in SAARC**

4632. SHRI S.RM. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether the existence of observer status held by US, China and Japan in SAARC has added any discomfiture to India;

the stand of India in allowing Observers in SAARC; and

the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) India has welcomed the presence of Observers in SAARC. Government are of view that SAARC will benefit from these external linkages.

**Concept of Visa on Arrival at Airport**

4633. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government planned to introduce the concept of visa on arrival at airports in our country;

if so, the security norms to be followed by the authority to verify the authentications of travel purpose and details provided by just entering passengers; and'

(C) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

**Pow Languishing in Pakistani Jails**

†4634. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Pakistan has allowed the relatives of Indian Prisoners of War and Non-Government Organizations

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.